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ABSTRACT

After careful analysis of the Weston Hall activity system, our group discovered that its Living-Learning Community was much more complex than we had originally believed. However, through our extensive interviews of the Weston staff and its students, we were able to understand how the dorm functions and what its yearly goals are. Weston Hall is geared towards freshman and sophomores in LAS with undeclared majors. It is Weston's hope that through the Exploration program and the easily approachable staff, students will be able to make major academic decisions with much more certainty. This certainty stems from the large number of tools that Weston offers its residents. Between the Weston library, the Career Services office in Weston Hall, and the classes tailored specifically to Weston residents' needs, students are able to maximize their experience in the dorms. In fact, in many cases we discovered that University courses that were offered through the Weston Exploration program were often easier than they would have been through the University of Illinois. We all feel strongly that the Weston Exploration program is an excellent asset to Weston Hall, and the University as well. Perhaps if the program is given the credit it deserves, the University will choose to implement a similar program in other residence halls on campus.